deavours to form new plantations at Antersanté will again be made. Teak plantations will not thrive here as only teak of the stunted kind will grow in this part of the country, and experiments were disapproved by the former Forest Officers like Colonel Vansomeron, Mr. Mc Pherson who therefore preferred to extend plantations only near the Kakankote Forests. At present the proposed site for teak plantation is a *kaval* which affords cheap grazing to the village cattle and being close to villages (one furlong or half a furlong only) is unsuited for the purpose.

[NOTE.—The Deputy Commissioner explained that the plantation was started after consideration and could now be discontinued, that it could cause no real inconvenience to the raiyats and that those who wish to build new houses are not many.]

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 462.

Cattle-pounds in Plantations to be in charge of the Revenue authorities.

Summary of discussion.—Officials of the Forest Department are invested with full powers to impound cattle in State Forests and plantations, to levy fines for their release and to sell unclaimed cattle by auction. This gives them opportunities for oppressing people and levying black mail. For example, on same pretext or other cattle will not be delivered when claimed and the prescribed fine is paid. Thereby the owner is made unjustly to lose 3 annas a day per head of cattle. Pounds in forests and plantations should be under the Revenue authorities as other pounds are. The rate of feeding charges leviable should also be the same as in other pounds in the neighbourhood. Village officials of the neighbouring villages may be in immediate charge of these pounds situated in plantations of the Forest Department.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to investigate and report on this subject.

Subject No. 463.

Those who obstruct the usual paths to lands should be criminally prosecuted.

Summary of discussion.—Many persons are prevented from walking along the usual paths to their lands on the pretext that such paths are not marked on the survey plans. Complaints made to the Revenue Department are referred to the Shekdar. The Shekdar gives an order which however the obstructing raiyat does not mind. Further complaints to the Civil Court would entail long delays. Meanwhile the crops would fail If those who obstruct the usual paths be prosecuted on the criminal side, the nuisance would soon cease.

Dewan's reply.—Complain to local Magistrates in individual cases.

Subject No. 464.

Insufficient water supply to wet lands in Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the channels of the Heggaddevankote Taluk are chiefly drawn from the Lakshmantirtha river at a point in Hunsur Taluk, crops often fail owing to scanty supply of water. The channels are also in bad condition

and no improvement work has yet been carried out as previously ordered. If the channels were improved soon, not only would the present lands receive good irrigation but more lands would be brought under wet cultivation. If a dam were constructed across the water which flows uselessly into the river near Karagola, 300 additional acres of wet land may be cultivated. The probable cost is Rs. 5,000. It is quite necessary that the Government should undertake this. The conservancy of the channels in this Taluk would be better under Revenue officers as in other Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. D. P. W. will take action in due course.

Subject No. 465.

Location of a Chattram between Himatgopal Hill and Masnigudi and grain doles to Pilgrims.

Summary of discussion.—The rice doles given at the Government Chattram and by private individuals at Gundlupet are not sufficient for the numerous pilgrims and travellers who visit Gundlupet and Himatgopal Hill. It would be a great help to these people if one of the State Chattrams which are still maintained on roads superseded by the Railway line be removed to some convenient place between the aforesaid Hill and Masnigudi and if provisions be ordered to be given therefrom to pilgrims.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable at present.

Subject No. 466.

Village authorities to issue free licenses for cutting fire wood from District Jungles.

Summary of discussion.—Land-holders are exempted from paying any fee for firewood cut in District Jungles, but they are required to obtain free licenses from the Taluk Cutcherry. This causes much inconvenience. Let the village authorities be empowered to issue such licenses.

Dewan's reply.—The Inspector General of Forests will investigate and do the needful.

Subject No. 467.

Sanitary improvements at Gundlupet.

Summary discussion.—The annual income of the Municipality at Gundlupet is Rs. 1,900 and the accumulated balance on hand is Rs. 9,000. Though there is such a large fund available yet the roads and drains are not attended to. Orders should be issued to devote the money in hand for the repair of roads, construction of V shape drains and for providing lamp-posts. In accordance with the reply of the Dewan at last year's meeting, the Municipal Board have been addressed in the matter but in vain. There is no use in spending a large amount on water projects when the roads and drains are not in good order and the sanitation of the town is bad. The old Karanji may be repaired at a cost of Rs. 200 and the remaining amount spent on repairing roads, &c. The balance, if any, left after meeting the cost of the improvement above suggested, may be spent on water projects under contemplation. The sum of Rs. 4,000 sanctioned for constructing pipes at Gundlupet is large and unnecessary. The old tunnels may be repaired at a cost of Rs. 200 as stated above and the balance spent on improving the sanitary